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In re application of:

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Sir:

Applicant's Attorney would like to make the Examiner aware of Application Serial Nos. 10/441,941, 10/441,924, 09/621,393, 09/552,131, 09/558,192 and 09/563,140 summarized in the table below. Application Serial Nos. 10/441,941, 10/441,924, 09/621,393, 09/552,131, and 09/558,192 share a common inventor. Application Serial Nos. 09/552,131, 09/558,192, and 09/563,140 share a common inventor.

Applicant's Attorney is aware of the USPTO's proposed rule changes regarding the number of references submitted in an IDS and has made a diligent effort to comply with the spirit of these proposed rule changes. Accordingly, Applicant's Attorney submits, herewith, an IDS with references from at least some of these pending applications.


APPL. NO.	TITLE	STATUS OF INDEPENDENT CLAIMS
09/552,131	On-Line Invention Disclosure System	<p>Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,434,580 (Takano) in view of U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2001/0039505 (Cronin) (provisional application No. 60/179,675 filed 2/2/00).</p> <p>Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,434,580 (Takano) in view of U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0095368 (Tran) (provisional application No. 60/185,644 filed 2/29/00).</p> <p>Claims 23 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,434,580 (Takano) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,339,767 (Rivette).</p>
09/558,192	On-Line Invention Disclosure Approval System	<p>Double patenting rejection issued against claims 1, 12, 16, 20, 27, and 33 over U.S. Pat. No. 7,069,592 (Porcari).</p> <p>Provisional double patenting rejection issued against claims 1, 12, 16, 20, 27, and 33 over Application Serial Nos. 09/552,131 "On-Line Invention Disclosure System," and 09/563,140 "On-Line Invention Disclosure System and Docket System."</p> <p>Claims 1, 20, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,315,504 (Lemle) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,434,580 (Takano).</p> <p>Claims 12, 16, and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,315,504 (Lemle).</p>
09/563,140	On-Line Invention Disclosure System and Docket System	<p>Claims 2 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,434,580 (Takano) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,276,869 (Forrest).</p>

APPL. NO.	TITLE	STATUS OF INDEPENDENT CLAIMS
10/441,924	Method and System for Automated Messaging in an Online Legal Workflow Tool	No Office Action received.
10/441,941	Method and System for Role-Based Access Control to a Collaborative Online Legal Workflow Tool	Claims 1 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0161733 (Grainger).

Respectfully submitted,

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